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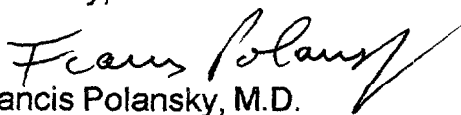
RE: Docket #97N-484S. Suitability Determination for Donors of Human Cellular and Tissue-Based Products

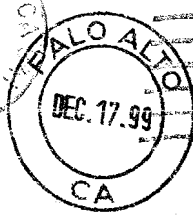
To whom it may concern,

The proposed rule to quarantine Donor Human embryos is unacceptable. It will significantly reduce the probability of live births. We estimate that the cost of a live birth from oocyte donation treatment would go up four fold. Finally, this rule would undoubtedly be challenged by the recipient couples as an unacceptable intrusion into their efforts to conceive.

I request that the proposed rule to quarantine donor embryos be removed.

Sincerely,


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